

Camp Workcoeman

Holiday 2022

Help Wanted

As we continue to grow and change in 2023, Administrative spots are available and open now!

Needed someone to breathe new life into our web/printed presence.

Our longtime **Publisher** (Skip Leslie) is retiring after many years of service and we need someone familiar with the tools to broadcast our message.

A Vice Chair of Shawtown to assist Chairman and Ranger with all that needs to happen monthly, quarterly, etc. is needed as well.

Shawtown News

Camp Workcoeman Service corps



Decorations are out, snow is coming!

A Letter from Lou

In looking back on 2022 at Camp Workcoeman, you see some very positive happenings. First, we welcomed the completion of the new waterfront pavilion which had a huge impact on the aquatic program.

Being a year-round facility has made its impact on the Scouting community of Connecticut Rivers Council and beyond. Our monthly program opportunities have flourished with Scouts from all over the council and neighboring councils attending. Many events were sold out. The popular Webelos Woods event surpassed our expectations with 506 participants. The dynamic variety of merit badges for Scouts BSA members and the fun and exciting programs for Cub Scouts helped to make it clear that our program model is unique and very popular.

The summer program model of day events coupled with overnight and meal options has also made this "a la carte" option continued to grow. Scouts from NY City and as far away as Texas participated. I feel that this summer camp program option is still not known to some leaders and Scouts in the council. An aggressive promotion plan needs to be implemented and we all need to put forth an effort to spread the word.

As we look to 2023, Camp Workcoeman will be the location of the council's Leadership Development Center. Training programs like Scout Leader Specific Training (also known as Takashin to some) is scheduled on a weekend in April and May. A course in Wilderness First Aid will be held at Workcoeman on June 9-11. We are excited to add some program



A Frank Note

Happy Holidays to one and all.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I reflect on how thankful I am for all of your dedication to the camp we love. I appreciate all the time and energy put into the projects to keep Camp Workcoeman a vibrant space that several hundred scouts enjoyed this year.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a prosperous New Year.

Ranger Frank

opportunities this summer. Besides our a la carte summer programs we will be adding an NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) course on July 9-14 and a first-ever Powder Horn Experience on July 30- August 4.

None of the success we have had in the recent past would have been possible without the extremely dedicated staff the Citizens of Shawtown! Many of you serve in making the camp facility a great place for our Scouts as well as staffing the various programs with your enormous talents. To this I extend to you all my sincere thanks for your dedication and burning desire to make Camp Workcoeman a great Scouting facility.

Thank you all and all the best for a great holiday season. I look forward to our efforts in 2023.

Lou



New Construction complete!

Shawtown Swag

Shawtown caps (\$15) and Patches (\$5) still available. Reach out to the Chairman for Swag.



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Upcoming 2023 Workdays and Events

January 28	
February 25	Cub Blizzard/MB Day
February 26	Annual Meeting
March 25	
April 22	
May 20	Begin Summer setup
June 3	Beaver Day/ Steak Dinner and Auction
June 24	Summer Camp readiness
August 26	
September 16	Fall Setup
October 28	

There are monthly opportunities throughout the year to help with the Scout programs, reach out to the program staff for specifics.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS.....

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Dining Hall at Workcoeman from 1-3PM on Sunday February 26.

Lunch will be served at 1PM with our meeting following immediately afterwards. Come one... Come all. Please come ready to actively discuss plans for 2023 including ideas to potentially revamp the Door Prize portion of our Steak and Chicken Dinner in June!

We'll send out an additional Special Notice to all in late January requesting reservations, etc. **PUT US ON YOUR 2023 CALENDAR NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT GATHERING!** Please consider bringing a friend or two that might like to join our Scouting family!

Membership Moment

Happy Holidays, our camp needs three things from us:

- Care – Come work with the Ranger.
- Campers – Bring your Troop, and sell camp at Roundtable.
- Staff – Relive long ago days, come run a range or teach a Merit Badge.



To the

Citizens of Shawtown

For service to Scouting through their help
maintaining and developing
Camp Workcoeman,
a Connecticut Rivers Council Camp

Notes from the Chairman:

To all the members of the Citizens of Shawtown, my heartfelt thank you for all you've done for Camp Workcoeman in 2022!

Our camp was busier than ever with our members, scouts and Scouters from all over Connecticut and beyond all attending in large numbers, finally getting out of the Covid thing and back to normal.

We Citizens painted, nailed, sawed, mixed concrete and so much more along with getting a great start on the rehab of the Calder building that has served this camp for so long. Andin our spare time, we raised many dollars at our Steak and Chicken Barbeque and Door Prize event that we use to support Ranger Frank as he works so hard all year long to keep Workcoeman safe and sound for all those who pass through our gate onto the Parade Ground and further into campsites and activity areas.

In 2023, we'll:

- * Start and complete the interior rehab of the Calder building
- * Make repairs to the back of the Health Lodge
- * Improve other structures and areas throughout the camp as directed by Ranger Frank
- * Continue interior work on the infamous Pole Barn to make it even more viable for the Ranger's needs

AND..... we WILL elect a Vice-Chairman of our group to assist me with all that it takes to keep us forward-moving. If you are interested in that spot, I'd like to talk to you before February. Planning monthly workdays, our huge Annual Dinner, coordinating participation with Jeff and the monthly events Workcoeman has become very popular for, assuring volunteers for the Campmaster program in the off-season, etc. is a lot for one person to plan for and orchestrate and it's time for this old guy to find another pair of hands. I need this to happen in 2023 sooner than later and hope I'll have several people step forward to talk to me about it.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Brian